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February 3, 1955

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on the above date in the Municipal Building at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor B. E. Ball presiding.

All members of council were present and answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. R. W. Jessee, Director of City Health Center presented to Council a six months report of the activities of the City Health Center. The Council commended Dr. Jessee for the services and activities carried out by the Health Center and for his fine detailed six month report.

Mr. Robert T. Winston, representing the City Committee of the Democratic Committee, appeared requesting council to take the necessary steps to have two different precincts before the next election.

After a brief disucssion, council advised Mr. Winston that they would set a date and meet with the City Electoral Board and see what could be worked out on the above matter.

Mr. Walker presented application of George & Frank Bolling to #524 operate a pool room.

RESOLVED that Pool Room License be granted to George & Frank Bolling, T/A The Sportsman. Motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King. All voting AYE.

Albert Sturgill, C. R. Stone, W. C. Jackson appeared before council #525 requesting permit to operate taxicab in City of Norton.

RESOLVED THAT permission be granted Albert Sturgill, C. R. Stone, and W. C. Jackson to operate taxicabs in the City of Norton. Motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King. All voting AYE.

Milford Gibson appeared before council and made application to operate a taxicab in the City of Norton.

RESOLVED THAT Milford Gibson be permitted to operate taxicab as driver with the provision that he pay in full all fines now existing in the local Police Department. Motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner; all voting AYE.

Ralph Bullion appeared before council and made application to drive #527 taxicab in City of Norton.

RESOLVED THAT Ralph Bullion be permitted to drive with provision that should he incur another arrest such as are on his records that his license be immediately revoked. Motion by Sol Cury, seconded by Fred H. King; all voting AYE.

Mr. A. O. Umstead resigned his position on the Committee regarding #528 the New Whiteway. Vice-Mayor King appointed Mr. B. E. Ball to succeed Mr. Umstead on the Whiteway Committee. On motion by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King, the follow-#529 ing resolution was adopted: RESOLVED THAT Mr. H. G. Dalton be made a member of the License Tax Committee. On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried #530 by unanimous vote, the following resolution was passed: RESOLVED THAT Sol Cury and J. J. Stump be placed on the committee for license tax study. On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by A. O. Umstead, the following #531 resolution was passed by unanimous vote: RESOLVED THAT all penalty on City License that have been paid to this date be refunded and that the penalty date be set for February 15th for this year only. Mr. Walker read a letter from Fleming Land Company regarding giving #532 the Norton Highland Cemetery to the City of Norton. This matter was tabled pending Mr. King and Mr. Walker's investigation and report back to council. Mayor Ball presented a letter from Governor Stanly asking that a *#*533 representative be present at a meeting in Richmond February 24th. to take part in the plans for the State-wide Jamestown Festival of 1957. After a brief discussion the following resolution was introduced by A. O. Umstead, seconded by Fred H. King and carried by unanimous vote: RESOLVED THAT the City Manager be authorized to attend a meeting in Richmond at the request of the Governor with reference to the 350th Centennial of the founding of Jamestown.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

James Vaughn appeared before council and asked permission to operate #534 a pool room.

On motion by Fred H. King, seconded by W. R. Hamner and carried by unanimous vote the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED THAT James Vaughn, T/A the Palace Pool Room, be granted license to operate a pool room.